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PRAISE FOR FRANCE

St. Petersburg Press Concedes Efforts of Ally Averted Much Trouble.

NO INQUIRY WILL BE HELD AT VIGO Four Russian Officers & Battleships Africa on board the steamer Batavir. Six That Did Shooting Ar 2 ched.

DIPLOMATS HOLD CONFEREN -LONDON Details for Court of Inquir" Being

Worked Out Slow 1 12

RUSSIAN ADMIRALTY DENIES ORIES

Vays That All the Torpedo Boats Are Accounted for and That None of the Vessels Are Injured.

T. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.-The Russian papers this morning, notably the Gasetta, give much credit to France for the favorable turn in the North sea incident. The paper says:

To French diplomacy belongs, in a great measure, the credit for the peaceful settlement, this being the first happy consequence of the French-Angle understanding enabling our ally to enjoy the connaence of both countries. All sincere friends of peace must once more congratulate themselves on the benefit conterred on the world by our beloved mona, ch in initiating The Hague peace conference.

Some of the papers, however, continue to display unrestrained bitterness toward Great Britain. The Sviet, panslavist, warns the Russian public not to be too sanguine of an amicable settlement, say-

The reference of the matter to a commission leads people to suppose that the incident is closed, but a whole series of other events shows that the crisis is not ended. We must be ready for any eventuality. The conviction exists in France that Great Britain promised Japan to detain the Russian second Pacific squadron, which would explain the double dealing of the English government and press. Oreat Britain does not want war, as war would draw in France, but is relying on its naval strength to de all positive to embarrass Russia, produce a repedition of the Holl incident, or, worse still, arrange a Japanese ambuscade which would make a Russian haval victory impossible. Altogether Great Britain's attitude hodes no good to Russia. Great Britain's chance to injure and humiliate Russia was never so good as now. The reference of the matter to a commi

Anger Toward Great Britain. Even Admiral Abaza, who is attached to Emperor Nicholas' military suit, is quoted as indulging slightly in veiled reflections on Great Britain, declaring that as Vice Admiral Rojestvensky had no torpedo boats about him it must have been Japanese torpedo boats which found shelter at the English fishing ports. In any event, Abaza, insists, Rojestvensky was justified in taking every measure to protect his squadron costing \$150,000,000.

make an attempt to destroy some of them rural carriers at Cushing, Neb. is conclusively shown by a letter just re-ceived here by an official and mailed at December 1; Curlow, Palo Alto coun y, nese, "whose cunning makes them capable of anything." For this reason, he says, the squadron passed through the Great Belt | square miles; population, 510. in daylight, with trawlers ahead to protect

No Inquiry at Vigo.

According to the latest information received at the Foreign office here the details of the international commission which are being worked out in London have not yet been completed. It is regarded, however, practically certain that the commismeet at The Hague will be posed of British and Russian naval officers with probably a president from one of the continental countries, although the latter point has not been decided. Russia has declined to send a representative to the English inquiry at Hull and has also decided not to hold a Russian inquiry at

Four officers, one from each of the four battleships which opened fire in the North during the night of October 21-22, are on their way to St. Petersburg, where they will make a formal report and subsequently proceed to The Hague and give testimony. The admiralty formally states that only

seven torpedo boats, not eight, as reported. that they have all been accounted for. the Russian squadron and adds Nothing is known here of the report that priest on board the Russian flagship had to be amputated.

can prove that all his torpedo boats were fifty to 100 niles ahead of the squadron when the North sea incident occurred There is more disposition now at the admiralty than within the past few days to established by the commission. Little is Washington coasts. now heard of British complicity in the al leged plot to detain the Russian squadron.

Diplomats Hold Conference. LONDON, Oct. 31,-Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, further discussed this morning the composition of the international commission which will inquire into the North sea incident. Subsequently there was a meeting of the cabinet.

It is understood that Ambassador Benckendorff complained of Premier Balfour's attack on Vice Admiral Rojestvensky during his speech at Southampton Friday. The foreign secretary, however, decline to consider the matter as not coming within

Mr. Balfour had half an hour's audience with King Edward before the cabinet

meeting today. The convention between Great Britain and Russia, with the view to the establishment of an international commission to investigate the facts in the North sea incident was the principal subject of discussion by the ministry, the procedure, scope and powers of the commission being considered.

Russians Go to Madrid. VIGO, Oct. 21.-Two Russian officers left are conveying detailed reports of the North

sea incident and will confer with the Russian ambassador to Spain. Three Russian officers have also gone to Paris with official reports.

Admiral Rojestvensky is busily engaged in getting up a digest of evidence in the North sen incident. The Russian officers here expect the squadron to remain at

Germany Asks Indomnity. BERLIN, Oct. 31 .- The German governnent has presented to Russia a request from the owner of the German flehing yes Sonntag, recently fired on by the ships belonging to the Russian Pacific equadron, multy as the result of damage to

his nots and loss of time. The Foreign Continued on Second Page.

Body of Last President of Trans vanl Republic Being Sent

THE HAGUE, Oct 31 .- The remains of former President Kruger of the Transvaal republic, who died in July last, were reoved from the cemetery today and taken to Rotterdam for conveyance to South Twenty-Three State Legislatures and wreaths from Queen Wilhelmina, the prince consort and former President Steyn, covered the coffin. Not much public interest was shown.

Home.

A mortuary chapel had been prepared or the steamer, covered with draping, embellished with inscriptions in silver letters, among them: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

ere, now commonly called the "Wee Kirkers" owing to their paucity of numbers, cision of the House of Lords, giving them control of the Free Church property. They have served the general trustees of the United Free church with a notice to quit and hand over all the church property, including Assembly hall, three colleges at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen; all the missions abroad and the churches and manses in Scotland, numbering 1.100 and valued at \$55,000,000.

DISCUSSION OF RUSSIAN EDUCATION

Newspapers of Empire Show Evidences of Milder Rule in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31 .- One of the striking evidences of the increasing liber-Prince Sviatopoik-Mirsky to the ministry of the interior is the open campaign being waged by the Russ for national education of the masses. The paper has opened a opular subscription and is daily printing of Moscow, a very influential paper, is warmly supporting the idea of opening a similar subscription there.

Americans to Wed. LONDON, Oct. 31.-Bradley Martin, jr. and Helen Phipps, daughter of Henry Phipps of Pittsburg and New York, will b married November 2 at Beaufort castle. Inverness, Scotland, leased by the bride's will be a big Highland ceremony, kilts being generally worn. Ambassador and Mrs. Choate started today for Inverness to attend the wedding.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL the people's party named separate presi-Number of Appointments in Postal and one wing of the silver party divided Service in Nebraska and

(From a Staff Corr spondent) WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.-(Special Tele-The conviction on board the ships of the gram.)-Walter F Rholes has been ap-Russian squadron that the Japanese would pointed regular and Clyde S. Ear substitute

Copenhagon, in which the writer describes one additional; area, twenty-eight square the precautions taken to protect the squad- | miles; population, 485. Given, Maha ka ron from an attack on the part of the Japa- | county, one route; area., nineteen square miles; population. 606. Sloux Center, Sloux county, one add tional; area, twenty-five

Postmasters appointed: lowa, Severs, Jasper county, H. A Gunn, vice Benj min Templeton, resigned. South D kota, Vesta. Pennington county, Clavin Lovejoy, vice

Mrs. Laura Stuck, resigned. The comptroller of the currency has approved the conversion of the Commercial State bank of Oxford, Neb., into the Fi at National Bank of Oxford, with \$25,000 cap-

WOULD FREE THE BOOTLEGGERS

Holds Indians Holding Land in Severalty May Buy Liquor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.-If a motio filed by Attorney Crane of Holton, Kan. is granted the supreme court of the United Parker to a delegation of farmers last Fri-States will be called upon to decide whether an Indian becomes a citizen of the United States by taking land in severalty. The case is that of Albert Neff of Kansas, who the Russian warships fired on and hit each who owns land in severalty, is by virtue other, or of the report that the hand of of that fact a citizen of the United States, The admiralty claims that Rojestvensky cants to Indians. Neff has served one

suspend judgment until all the facts are warnings are displayed on the Oregon and

Vigo for Madrid today. Presumably they BISHOP M'CABE WANTS WAR Would Like to See America and Britain Unite to Stop Armenian Outrages.

> HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 31.-In the course of his sermon at the St. Paul's Methodist Eniscopal church Bishop McCahe said: "I do not want wars and I do not a telegram from Lee Mantle, chairman of like them, but there is just one war I the republican state central committee, who would like to live to see. I would like to inquired of Governor Toole if he had resee the United States and the British gov. | fused to grant a requisition from Governor ernment form an alliance and make Turkey Peabody of Colorado for the return

stop the Armenian murders." Bishop McCabe had been speaking of the Governor Tools said that he would not scribing the work of missionaries abroad, that the courts were in full operation in and concluding with a reference to condi- Colorado uninfluenced by military authoritions in Armenia

Election Will See Unusual Number of Presidential Candidates.

Many Minor Offices to Be Filled by the People at the Election on Tuesday.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.-Nine national political conventions were held this year, and nine candidates for president and vice president of the United States were nominated, but only six electoral tickets will be generally voted for one week from to-PREE KIRK WANTS PROPERTY morrow. Besides "the two great political parties," seven others made nominations-Takes Steps to Dispossess United people's, prohibitio, socialist, socialist Church of Valuable Holdings. / labor, continental (labor), national liberty EDINBURGH, Oct. 31.-The Free Church- (negro), and Lincoln (negro). The two negro parties apparently ended their work when the national convention adjourned have taken steps to put in operation the de- as no electors have been selected, or at least, none will appear on any official ballot; and the continental party scems to be confined to Hilnois, and perhaps, to

Chicago, the place of its origin. The terms of thirty United States ators expire March 4 next. Seven of the vacancies have already been filled and the legislatures of twenty-three states to be elected November 8 will fill the other twenty-three. Members of the house of representatives are to be voted for in all except three states-Maine, Vermont and Oregon, which have already elected their congressmen.

In twenty-seven states a governor and all, or nearly all, the elective state officers are to be chosen; in five states minor ality of the times since the accession of state officers are to be selected, and in it is stated, secured stock amounting to thirteen electors alone are to be voted for.

One Ticket With a Cinch. South Carolina enjoys the distinction of having only one ticket in the field. All the other states have from four to six many letters. The Russkiya Wiedomosti Illinois leading with seven. There are thre republican tickets in Delaware, but only one variation in the names of the candidates, the nominee for governor of the 'regulars' refusing to abide by the cision of the factional conference which resulted in the withdrawal of the "union" andidate and an agreement upon a compromise ticket. The republicans in Wisconsin will have a choice between two tickets for state officers, the "stalwarts" parents from the duke of Beaufort. There having decided to keep up their fight against LaFollette. The electors on both tickets are identical.

The democrats and people's party, or copulists, fused on the state ticket in Kansas and Nebraska, but in both states dential electors. In Nevada the democrats the minor state officers to be voted for but the "stalwart silver" men put up their own electors.

The people's party, which indorsed Mr. Bryan in 1896 and 1900, has an active or ganization in thirty-three of the forty-five states, the nominees for state officers and electors being on the official ballot in twelve states, and for electors in twentyone. Efforts to this end were made in obtained.

The prohibitionists have electoral and state tickets in twenty-seven states, and electoral tickets in twelve others-one less

The socialists (called in some states social democrats) have electoral and state tickets in thirty-two states and electoral tickets in eleven others-eleven more than in 1900.

The socialist labor party has whole o part electoral and state tickets in twelve noise warned them of the impending colstates and electoral tickets in two otherssix less than in 1900.

TAYLOR REPLIES TO PARKER

Acting Secretary of Treasury Gives Facts and Figures. WASHINGTON, Oct. 3L-H. A. Taylor, cting secretary of the treasury, said to-

day with reference to the speech of Judge

an Indian becomes a citizen of the United States grates by taking land in severalty. The case is that of Albert Neff of Kansas, who has been sentenced by the United States district court to pay a fine of \$200 and serve a term of four months in prison on the charge of selling beer to a Kickapoo Indian. Mr. Crane asks. the court for a writ of habeas corpus releasing Neff from imprisonment on the ground that Neff, who owns land in severalty, is by virtue of that fact a citizen of the United States, thus rendering inapplicable the statute making it a misdemeanor to sell intoxicants to indians. Neff has served one week of his sentence.

Predict Storm on Pacific Coast.
WASHINGTOIN, Oct. IL—The Weather bureau in its forecast today says storm warnings are displayed on the Oregon and Washington coasts.

REDUCE DEATHS TO EIGHTEEN
Mining Company Officials Bay Loas in Accident at Trinidad Was Magnified.

TRINIDAD, Colo,, Oct. IL—Eighteen coffins were shiped to Terclo today on an order of the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company for the burial of the victims of the mine at the time of the septision. It is converted, but local officials of the company who have canvassed the town now claim that only eighteen men were in the mine at the time of the sexplained by the fact that diggers enter the mines of the made by the coroner is explained by the fact that diggers enter the mines without reporting to the shift bosses.

The exact number of victims will not be force all the bodies are recovered.

BISHOP M'CABE WANTS WAR
Would Like to See America and Britatis Unite to See America and Britatis Unit mildly calling attention to several ver-apparent errors on his part, unintentional no doubt, but made out of the fullness of

MONTANA HARBOR FOR MINERS Governor Will Not Send Them to Colorado Until Courts Are Un-

impeded.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 31.-In response to Western Federation miners to Colorado, enlargement of the Christian church, de- bonor such a requisition unless satisfied

Stockholders of St. Louis Terminal Company Make Fight in Court. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31 .- A temporary in-

junction, restraining Brown Bros. & Co., of New York, from establishing an alleged blind pool" of the St. Louis Transit com was granted today by Judge Fisher in the St. Louis circuit court on application of an attorney for Louis A. Cella, S. W. Adler and C. A. Tilles, who assert ownership of 11,000 shares of St. Louis Transit company stock. The court was asked to set aside the organization of the two companies on the ground that "the whole scheme was fraudulently designed and that the railroads and their stockholders were induced to go into it through misropresentation, deception and fraud on the part of

heard on its merits. Temporary injunctions were also secured. restraining the Bank of Commerce from interfering with the rights of the plaintiffs in the premises and from setting up any claim to stocks, bonds and securities purchased by them; also, against the St. Louis porte, Michigan City and Hammond. Transit company and the United Railway companies, enjoining them from interfering with the rights of plaintiffs to the property in question.

The suit filed by Cella, Adler and Tilles affects the recent reorganization of the Et. Louis Transit company and the United Railways company by which the latter took eack the properties it leased in October, 1890, to the first named company for a period of forty years. The deal was engineared by the Brown Bros. company, who,

\$400,000 for their services. Plaintiffs base their action on the complaint that Brown Bros. are to receive 20 per cent from the stockholders of the Transit company, in addition to the \$400,000. The plaintiffs say that Brown Bros. ordered their agent, the Bank of Commerce. to require each Transit stockholder to sign a contract, the effect of which would be to enable Brown Bros. to receive additional compensation. Persons refusing to sign were not to receive United Railways stock in exchange for Transit stock and the stock to which they were entitled would be sold to somebody else.

The injunction, so far as it applies to the Bank of Commerce, restrains it from disposing of the stock which would go to Cella, Adler and Tilles if they had not refused to sign the contract,

The writ was made returnable November 11, when it will either be made permanent or be dissolved. Service has been secured on James Brown, president of Brown Bros. & Co., who is now in St. Louis.

MEMPHIS BUILDING COLLAPSES Several People Are Caught Under the Falling Walls of Business

House.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 31 .- With a terrific crash the building occupied by the Continental Savings benis at 19 Madison street, sons in the wreckage. So far as known only one person, a negro saloon porter, remains under the debris. The others were quickly rescued by the fire and police departments. Joseph Fischer, a tailor, who had a shop in the building, is the only person known to have sustained serious injuries. Fifty workmen, who had been making excavations at the corner adjoining the structure, and a number of office employes escaped when a crackling lapse. The building was a four-story office

structure. The dead body of Winters Parker, the colored porter, was taken from the celiar of the wrecked building at 5 o'clock this afternoon. At 6 o'clock the police anounced it as their belief that no one else would be found in the ruing.

Among the persons rescued from debris were F. Chase, president of the Continental Savings bank; F. J. Baum. eashier; 'Clarence Heningburgs, teller, and W. H. Stotts, a real estate dealer. injuries are not serious. It is believed that excavations recently made at Nos. 13 and 15 Madison street caused the wreck.

SUES FOR LARGE AMOUNT Banker Would Have Funds Transferred to Treasury of St. Louis Concern.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31 .- Eugene H. Angert, attorney for August E. Brooker, cashier of the Manchester bank, today filed papers in the suit in the district court against nineteen directors and promoters of the Title Guaranty Trust company, seeking to compel the payment into the company's treasury of \$485,600. The company is named as co-defendant. The Title Guaranty Trust company, capitalized at \$2,350,000, practically control the title investigating business

of the city. The object of the suit is to compel the defendants to turn into the treasury of the Title Guaranty Trust company amount acquired by the defendants at the time of the organization of the company in February, 1901, the amount being profits on the transfer of the stock of the concerns merged. Plaintiff contends that he and all the small stockholders should participate in this profit.

BANDIT SHOOTS HIMSELF Unidentified Man Makes Unsuccessful

Attempt to Rob a Saloon at

Tueson, Aris.

TUCSON, Ariz., Oct. 31.-A masked man entered a saloon here today and having lined eight players hands up against the was relieving them of their money when Policeman Wheeler entered and exchanged shots with him. The bandit fell wounded, and as he lay on the floor shot himself in the head. He was overpowered and taken to the hospital. His condition is serious. An accomplice stationed outside the saloon fired one shot at the officer, but missed. He escaped.

Candidate for Vice President Makes Several Speeches in Indiana.

NIGHT MASS MEETING AT FORT WAYNE

pany and United Railways company assets | During the Day Stops Are Made at Frankfort, Tipton, Elwood, Marion and Huntington-Fourteen

Speeches for Today.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 31 .- A generous vation was accorded Senator Charles W. Fairbanks throughout the first day of his campaign tour of Indiana. Leaving Indian apolis, his home city, where he had rested over Sunday, the senator's train proceeded Brown Bros., who designed to appropriate by slow stages to Fort Wayne, where the the assets of the Transit company, which evening meeting was held. At all the staassets greatly exceeded in value the in- tions where stops were made the crowds debtedness of the corporation. A decision were large and enthusiastic, particularly so on this will be made when the case is in the cities of Tipton, Elwood, Marion, Huntington and Fort Warne.

Fourteen speeches are scheduled for tomorrow, the stations on the list being Butler, Auburn, Angola, Waterloo, Kendall-Walcottville, LaGrange, Sturgis Mich.; Goshen, Elkhart, South Bend, La-

Speech at Fort Wayne Senator Fairbanks' address tonight in part

was as follows:

Eight years ago conditions were different from what they are today. Then we were told if we would adopt the free colnage of silver, manufacturing would increase and that prosperity among the people would be largely augmented. Our democratic friends said unless we coined free silver freely there would be no prosperity on the farm. We refused to accept their advice then. We did not believe it was good then and we have not changed our minds. We have not changed our minds either as to the wisdom of democratic policies or as to the wisdom of democratic leadership. We have had prosperity upon the farm ever since then. It was not long after President Mc-Kinley and the republican party came into power, until we witnessed a very radical change on the farms of the country. Contrary to democratic predictions after the republican party came into power, until we witnessed a very radical change on the farms of the country. Contrary to democratic predictions after the republican party came into power up went the price of oats, wheat and corn, and horses and cattle and mules, and it was not very long until up went a great many democracy in 1896 and 1800 says that when this campaign is over he will proceed to reorganize the forces of democracy. That is a pretty frank confession. It is full of significance. I have never yet known it was necessary to recognize an army upon whose banners was inscribed the word "victory." was as follows: victory.

Tour Covers 1,370 Miles. INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 31.-The special train which will carry Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for vice president, during his tour of Indiana, the itinerary of which covers a distance of 1,370 miles, left the Union station today.

The senator was in the best of spirits and said to a number of friends who talked with him at the train that he looked forward with pleasure to the tour of his state. FRANKFORT. Ind., Oct. 31.-Senator

Fairbanks made his first speech of the day at Carmel, where he earnestly advised the re-election of Congressman Landis. An unusually large crowd was gathered at the next stop, Westfield, the audience including hundreds of school children. "You can find," said Senator Fairbanks, "no instrumentality more efficient in advancing he school and the home than the great republican party. It was born to advance It has stood for these human liberty. things which make for the advancement of knowledge, virtue and power in the United States. We talk of trade and commerce, they are but instruments of these higher features of the best civilization. Make sure of the triumph of the republican party, not because it is the republican, because it is the party which plans

you and best for our common country-JUDGE PARKER AT NEW YORK

for these great things which are best for

Democratic Candidate Given an Ovation at Madison Square Garden. NEW YORK, Oct. 31 .- Judge Parker tonight made his first platform appearance away from his home at Esopus since his nomination as the democratic candidate for president. He addressed a monster mass meeting held in Madison Square Garden, where his reception was attended by a demonstration seldom equalled, both in the intensity and the duration of the en-

thuslasm displayed, Not only was the appearance of Judge Parker cheered, but every mention of his name by speakers who preceded him provoked outbreaks of applause. The tumult of unrestrained enthusiasm which accompanied Judge Parker's entrance to garden was in contrast to the close attention given him during his speech of not more than half an hour. While his address was punctuated with applause, the throng which filled the garden to its capacity was markedly considerate in treatment of the candidate. He had but to raise his hand to gain control of his audience. Though his voice was strong it is said he could be heard every part of the building.

Judge Parker's speech was of a character intended to appeal to the popular demand as well as to the audier gathered upon invitation of the Parker and Davis Business Men's association, under whose auspices the meeting was held. It dealth with methods of collecting campaign funds, and in this respect the candidate took severely to task his republican opponents, following the line of a speech made recently at Rosemount on the same subject. He told of his own participation in political campaigns and asked his audience if it would not like to return to what he termed the old-fashioned principles. The effort was a scathing arraignment of the present administration

Movements of Ocean Vessels Oct. 31 At New York-Arrived: Moltke, from Hamburg, Dover and Houlogne; Astoria from Glasgow; Georgie, from Liverpool. At Philadelphia-Asrived: Friesland, from Liverpool via Queenstown. At Hamburg-Arrived: Blucher, from At Hamburg—Arrived: Blucher, from New York.

At Yokohama—Sailed: Empress of China, for Vancouver.

At Venice—Arrived: Guis, from New York.

At Bremen—Sailed: Bremen, for New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Arabic, from New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Arabic, from New York. New York.
At Giasgow-Arrived: Pretorian, from Montreal and Quebec via Liverpool.
Sailed: Athens. for Montreal; Samaritan, for Boston; Sicilian, for Montreal.

PRIMER OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING-ALLEGHENY.

Municipal plant acquired	1890
Census population of city	129,896
Miles of conduits	269
Number arc street lamps	1,450
Cont of plant	
Yearly running expenses	
Capital outlay for the year	

KRUGER'S REMAINS ENROUTE NINE TICKETS TO BE VOTED DESIRE TO AVOID A MERGER FAIRBANKS TALKS AT HOME NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour. 5 a. m..... 47 1 p. 2 p. m..... 69 3 p. m.... 69 8 a. m..... 46 7 a. m..... 47 8 a. m..... 48 n. m 51 10 n. m 54

12 m 64

SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION ARE MEETING WITH PARTIAL SUCCESS Japanese Army Near Mukden Re

ceives Reinforcements and May Advance at Any Moment, According to Russian reports, the army

of Pield Marshal Oyama confronting the Russian forces in the vicinity of the Shakhe river has been reinforced by from 40,000 to 60,000 men from Port Arthur and Japan. Earlier reports have indicated that General Kouropatkin has received nearly equal accessions to his forces, although yesterday's dispatches from Mukden intimate the contrary and convey the impression that the present moment finds the Russians not fully prepared to meet a Japanese advance that may be expected to begin any hour. A Russian advance seems to be regarded as questionable, owing to the fact that the period since the close of the battle of the Shakhe river has been devoted by the Japanese to the work of entrenching The contending armies are within close touch, and any cutpost brush or reconnaissance may bring on a general engage ment. There is much cannonading of post-Hors on both sides Poullloff (Lone Tree hill being a marked storm center.

JAPANESE ARMY IS REINFORCED

Frent Problem Now Confronts the Russian Commander. MUKDEN, Oct. 31.-The Japanese army s rapidly being reinforced and it is expected that the new troops will shortly reach from 40,000 to 60,000. This greatly complicates the problem confronting the Russian commander. The whole energies of the Russians must be devoted to holding their positions unless they can bring up arge reinforcements speedily. Even in that case the situation promises to become increasingly difficult. The Japanese fortiications already are far too strong, supported as they are by siege guns and rapid

fire pieces, to be carried by a frontal assault. Possibly these fortifications might yield to a turning movement which would force the Japanese to retire, but this would require a great superiority in numbers, for he Russians must hold their center with a force at least equal to that of the Japanese in order to prevent the latter from cutting through and severing the communication of the former.

Two battalions returning early on the norning of October 29, from the banks of the Shakhe river came under the fire from the Japanese twelve-inch guns, several shells falling in the Russian ranks and doing considerable damage. One man was rendered deaf and dumb, but otherwise he was uninjured and another was thrown into a ditch and buried alive. A number were killed.

Simultaneous with the assault on Sinsky regiment, but were repulsed.

night of October 30, but without effect. Sunday night there was a rifle and ar

WRECK VICTIMS REST EASY Santa Fe Passenger Agent and Wife Are to Be Taken to

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 21 .- A telephone them to throw grenades with great asmessage from the Missouri, Kansas & Texas hospital at Sedalia today states that W. J. Black, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe system, and his wife, who of Rihlung mountain. were injured in the collision yesterday at Tipton of two Missouri Pacific trains. passed a fair night. Although Mr. Black the extreme Japanese outpost, where the was restless, his condition was considered favorable. Mrs. Black was feverish and her pulse rapid. The attending physician says that there still was a possibility that an amputation of the foot in the case of

Mrs. Black would be necessary. The chief surgeon of the Santa Fe system arrived here today with a special train to remove the patients to Topeka. It may be two or three days, it was stated, bewould be necessary.

The five injured brought to Kansas Ctly are progressing favorably and all will recover. C. C. Porter of East Orange, N. J. a traveling man, was not as seriously hurt as at first supposed. B. J. McGuire of Trenton, N. J., was able to return home

HOISTING ENGINEERS STRIKE Walkout of 800 Men Closes All Bituminous Coal Mines in Illinois-Fifty Thousand Affected.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31 .- With both employers and employes confident of victory, a strike of 800 hoisting engineers in bituminous coal mines in Illino's went into effect at 12 o'clock tonight. The engineers declare the strike will be bitter and long. and will result in a victory for them. The operators declare that their victory is a foregone conclusion and that there will be a break in the ranks of the strikers within a few days. The cause of the strike is the refusal of the engineers to accept a reductions of 51/2 per cent in wages, the same reduction having been accepted by the miners at the last ad-

MORGAN NOT AT THE FAIR Change of Plans Keeps the Financier Away from the Exposi-

ST. LOUIS. Oct. 31 .- According to Charles Lariner, president of the Fort Wayne Railroad company, who arrived last night at the World's fair with friends, J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, is not in the party, of which it was supposed he was

"Mr. Mergan was unable to come," said Mr. Lariner today. "His business was so urgent at this time that he could not

Get Busy at Lowell, LOWELL, Mass. Oct. 31.—The Boott cot-on mills, which have been closed for the inst three months, resumed operation today. A force of about 1,300 is at work.

Furious Attack Upon the Outer Defenses at Port Arthur.

Hill is Taken After Fight, but Result of Engagement Unknown.

RESUME HOSTILITIES NEAR MUKDEN

Islanders Open Engagement with Artillery Against Kouropatkin.

RUSSIAN MINES ARE DOING DAMAGE

Vessel Injured and Crew of Bong Killed by Mine Which Was Found Floating at Sea.

CHE FOO, Oct. 31 .- 2 p. m .- The general assault upon Port Arthur, which began in a preliminary way October 24, developed into a flercely raging battle yesterday when, according to a hitherto infallible authority, the Japanese flung beavy forces against the fortress in their third attempt to secure a commanding position. The result of yesterday's fighting is un-

known. The Japanese have been preparing for this assault for a month. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this eccasion, but to accomplish another important forward step. This plan was adopted following the first assault, when thousands of lives were sacrificed in an attempt to swarm over the fortifications by a mere force of number, regardles; of loss.

This assault, like the previous one, was a climatic incident of weary weeks of trench digging, gun mounting and small engagements. In the opinion of experts the assault will cease when the Japanese bave secured such positions as will enable them to creep steadily closer under the noses of the Russian guns. It is believed that two more general assaults will be necessary before the distance between the belligerent lines is sufficiently shortened to make an attempt to enter the main forts and make the end of the siege practicable 6:30 p. m .- A steamer which has just arrived here from New Chwang reports havng heard heavy firing at Port Arthur last night and today until it was out of earshot, indicating a continuance of the battle

third attempt of the Japanese to secure a commanding position. Artillery Opens Fire. The Japanese opened fire with their artillery along the whole line, incidentally continuing their daily practice of dropping shells into the harbor. The Russians re-

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saulted the position held by the Morshan- telling the inhabitants of Port Dalny that the long expected assault on the fortress A cannonade against Routiloff (Lone was imminent. The bombardment contin-Tree) hill has been in progress since the ued furiously until the afternoon of October 3, when the Russian guns on the Etse mountain, Antse mountain and Rihtillery fire from the Japanese along the lung mountain became briefly silent. At whole Russian front. Russian charreshoot- 4 o'clock that afternoon a regiment of ers are worrying the Japanese considerably Japanese swept out from behind a recently captured hill adjacent to Rihlung mountain and advanced on the Russian trenches lying between Rihlung mountain and the railroad, occupying them after hours of fighting. The Russians stuck to their posts until the Japanese were within a few yards, both sides hurling hand grenades at each other. The Japanese infantry are

now using mechanical devices which enable

curacy and rapidity. In the meanwhile another body of Japanese assaulted the trenches on the slope The Japanese trenches extended to certain portions of the slope and stopped some distance above ascent of Rihlung mountain became almost perpendicular. , The Russian trenches seamed the slope. To advance against them over an unbroken slape, which was even without Russian resistance would have been a difficult task, but the slope had been torn up, great holes having been blown in it at various places by the bombardment, and the Japanese availed themselves of these indentations which fore it could be determined whether or offered combined foothold and protection not an operation in the case of Mrs. Black against bullets. In the meanwhile the fire of all their available artillery was directed against the Russian trenches, the Russians eventually retiring, whereupon the Japanese in thirty minutes constructed

trenches sufficient to shield themselves. Russians Explode Mines. The Russians exploded mines, but the Japanese claim without result. One company of Japanese engaged in this fight aroused general complimentary comment for its remarkable coolness, executing the various maneuvers for the purpose of socuring shelter with automatic exactness, as if on parade. Upon the retirement of their troops the Russians opened fire from Liati mountain and that night they made a sortie. But the Japanese had in the meanwhile brought up machine guns, with

which the sortie was repulsed Except for the knowledge that the bombardment was continued, all information covering the period between October 27 and October 29 is lacking, but presumably it is much of the same character as that just described, the Japanese operations gradually assuming the proportions of the general attack of yesterday. The fighting is reported to have been most severe from Riblung mountain down along the whole east side of the town.

The stories of Russian prisoners vary. concerning the garrison affairs, but they agree, however, in saying they have been often disappointed. General Stoossel has been endeavoring to cheer them by promising the early advent of the Russian second Pacific squadron and relief from General Kouropatkin. The constant failure of these hopes to materialize depressed the soldiers. Stocasel is quoted as saying that while 1,000 men were left he would not surrender. Owing to the constant shelling of Port Arthur the Russian ships there maintain low pressure steam, so as to enable them frequently to change positions. Since October 6 the Retvisan, Poltava and Peresviet have often been hit, and one steamer used in sweeping for mines was sunk, One gun of the electric hill battery and one on Marble hill lave been dismounted by Japanese shells. The local Japanese are jubilant over the Port Arthur situation. The crew of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni, cut out of this harbor August 12 by the Japanese, are preparing to

go to Shanghai and join the crew of the protected cruiser Askold. MUKDEN, Oct. 31 .- After several days of quietness the blg guns commenced